

#### Monday, April 17th, 2023

Dear {{prefix}} {{lastname}},

Thank you for subscribing to my weekly newsletter. Here you will be able to learn more about my work in Washington and at home serving Long Islanders.

#### **NEW RAYTHEON JOBS**

This week, I was proud to announce that hundreds of new jobs will be coming to Suffolk County as a result of Raytheon Technologies Corporation recently being awarded a contract by the federal government totaling over \$113 million.

The contract will cover costs for Raytheon to develop MK 15 close-in weapon system (CIWS) upgrades and conversions, system overhauls, and associated hardware. One of the manufacturing facilities Raytheon will use for this contract is located right here in Hauppauge.

I am thrilled to see that hundreds of high-paying defense manufacturing jobs will be coming to Suffolk County. As the son of a Grumman retiree and a Navy Veteran myself, I understand how important the defense industrial base is to local families and Long Island's economy.

Now, as a Member of the House Armed Services Committee, I understand the strategic role Long Island's defense manufacturing base plays in ensuring America's military can deter the next conflict, or if needed, win it. I will always work to make sure that Suffolk County maintains its important role in our nation's defense.

#### **AROUND SUFFOLK COUNTY**

I was honored to attend the street naming ceremony in honor of the late FDNY Capt. Alison Russo in Huntington Station. Capt. Russo was a true public servant and a hero who put her life on the line every day for New Yorkers. Capt. Russo always responded to emergencies with courage, skill, and selflessness. Her dedication and bravery made her an inspiration to so many. Now, her name and memory will live on forever. Thank you, Capt. Russo.



## CELEBRATING

the Life & Service of



# CAPTAIN ALISON RUSSO

HUNTINGTON COMMUNITY FIRST AID SQUAD APRIL 12, 2023

A big thanks to the staff and leadership at Zebra Technologies in Holtsville for showing me many of their innovative technologies, which help us all keep moving, and for providing a Q&A forum with hundreds of their employees. Zebra Technologies is a \$15+ billion company with over 1,000 employees right here on Long Island. They are a global leader in providing barcode and RFID technologies, software, and services that enable organizations to improve their productivity, efficiency, and accuracy. Zebra Technologies has been vital to Long Island by improving efficiency

and productivity, enhancing accuracy and data quality, creating jobs, and supporting local businesses.



I appreciate the Political Science Society of Stony Brook University for hosting me last week. I had the chance to speak with students about the importance of civic engagement at a young age. I discussed my work and experience so far in Congress, my plans for my first term, and heard from students about their priorities. I look forward to hearing from this group of bright young adults in the future.



It was great to visit with the men and women of the 106th Rescue Wing last week in Westhampton Beach. They specialize in combat search and rescue, and are responsible for conducting lifesaving missions. The 106th Rescue Wing is particularly important due to our location and their expertise in responding to maritime emergencies. With its fleet of specialized aircraft and highly trained personnel, the unit is capable of responding quickly to any emergency situation, whether it be a natural disaster or a military operation. The 106th Rescue Wing is a critical asset to Long Island and the nation, providing essential lifesaving services to those in need. As a member of the Armed Services Committee, and a member of the subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, I am committed to making sure they have the tools they need!



I had the chance to tour Coast Guard Station Shinnecock in Hampton Bays. Their team plays a vital role in protecting the safety and security of Long Island's coastal waters. They are responsible for search and rescue operations, maritime law enforcement, and environmental protection, ensuring the safety of both commercial and recreational boaters in the region. The Coast Guard's presence on Long Island also helps support the local economy by ensuring safe transportation through Long Island's waterways. Coast Guard Station Shinnecock is an important asset to the success of our coastal communities. On the Homeland Security Committee I am working with my colleagues, including fellow Long Island Representatives Andrew Garbarino and Anthony

D'Esposito, to ensure that Coast Guard Station Shinnecock and their partners along our waterfront are able to keep us all safe.

#### **INTERVIEWS**

Great to join Fox Business' Evening Edit to discuss the aftermath of the recent intelligence leaks. The documents contained wide-ranging revelations about the U.S. government's efforts to spy on several close allies and sensitive information about the war in Ukraine. Like many, I was deeply troubled by these leaks and am committed to working with my colleagues and the Administration to make sure this does not happen again.

When an individual is being considered for a security clearance, the government looks at their past and current behavior when it comes to their trustworthiness and discretion among other things. After receiving a clearance, an individual takes an oath to swear to protect any and all classified information they deal with. This individual broke that oath and should face all repercussions and consequences of that action.

To watch the full interview, click **HERE**.



### **ART COMPETITION**

Recently, I was proud to announce the launch of the 2023 Congressional Art Contest. Every day I

walk to the Capitol I am fortunate to see art from high schoolers from around the country and their work is truly incredible.



This annual competition is conducted by the U.S. House of Representatives to showcase the talent of high school students from across the United States. This year's winner will have their work displayed in the halls of the U.S. Capitol for one calendar year and receive two round-trip tickets to Washington, D.C. to attend a Congressional reception honoring winners from each Congressional district.

Any student, parent, or art teacher with questions about the contest should contact my office. I am excited to see the artistic talent of the First District!

Sincerely,

Rep. Nick LaLota Member of Congress

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